

## Summary of Work Done.

	Miles ch.		Number.
Cleaning drains .. .. .	278 8	Flood-gates built .. .. .	6
Widening and deepening drains .. .. .	31 9	Pile bridges erected .. .. .	3
Constructing new drains .. .. .	23 20	Road culverts constructed .. .. .	6
Dredge-cuts and canals (new) .. .. .	1 29		
River and canal improvements .. .. .	25 75		Cubic Yds.
Canals cleared .. .. .	31 15	Metal used for roads .. .. .	5,573
Roads formed .. .. .	3 5	Clay carted for roads .. .. .	1,633
Roads metalled .. .. .	2 71	Spoil excavated by floating and dry-land excavators .. .. .	500,706
Roads partially metalled .. .. .	8 18	Rock excavated .. .. .	9,600
Stop-banks formed .. .. .	3 35		
Stop-banks raised and strengthened .. .. .	1 75		Acres.
Stop-banks repaired .. .. .	13 0	Area cleared of scrub .. .. .	1,855
Fences erected .. .. .	12 37	Area cleared of blackberry .. .. .	385
Levels taken .. .. .	133 38	Area ploughed &c. .. .. .	914
Traverses run .. .. .	75 58	Area sown in grass .. .. .	1,232

*Office.*—The expenditure recorded totalled £87,750 18s. 11d., of which amount £25,463 7s. 8d. was paid through Thames and Whakatane Imprest Accounts.

Some 262 piece-work and co-operative contracts were let, and 3,107 vouchers prepared and passed for payment. The revenue collected amounted to £14,867 5s. 9d.

*Rates.*—Drainage rates levied on Hauraki Plains, Rangitaiki, Waihi, and Kaitaia areas amounted to £20,066 17s., entailing 1924 rate notices. Rates collected totalled £12,245 0s. 3d.

*Photostat.*—This machine was in operation eighty times, with a total of 7,168 prints taken, allocated as follows: Hawke's Bay plans, 2,505; other Departments (charged for), 787; other Departments (not charged for), 780; our own operations, 2,982; spoils, 114.

## TABLES.

Table 1.—RETURN SHOWING (APPROXIMATELY) POSITION OF LANDS IN THE DOMINION AT 31ST MARCH, 1932.

District.	Total Area sold or granted and held on Freehold.	Total Area reserved for Public Purposes.	Total Area of Crown Lands leased under all Tenures (exclusive of Reserves leased by Crown).	Total Area of Crown Lands available for Future Disposal.	Total Area of Native Land.	Land unfit for Settlement (including Area occupied by Rivers, Lakes, Roads, &c.).	Total Area in Land District.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
North Auckland .. .. .	2,591,878	441,828	529,398	179,610	518,058	217,428	4,478,200
Auckland .. .. .	2,581,609	1,231,006	979,139	625,256	1,628,264	1,175,299	8,220,573
Gisborne .. .. .	1,129,446	433,782	526,492	129,145	1,046,648	253,978	3,519,491
Hawke's Bay .. .. .	1,542,822	200,684	554,058	162,867	371,466	82,424	2,914,321
Taranaki .. .. .	1,124,759	342,271	630,319	70,079	167,356	69,647	2,404,431
Wellington* .. .. .	3,573,936	1,022,104	817,558	168,356	788,675	680,440	7,051,069
Nelson .. .. .	656,589	2,372,615	758,035	111,104	30,051	786,606	4,715,000
Marlborough .. .. .	788,103	353,249	1,477,494	40,513	..	108,641	2,768,000
Westland .. .. .	163,418	2,149,170	688,054	393,607	..	469,129	3,863,378
Canterbury .. .. .	3,550,825	1,449,187	3,939,425	51,801	..	487,192	9,478,430
Otago .. .. .	1,969,964	956,496	5,471,106	28,108	..	668,448	9,094,122
Southland .. .. .	1,852,501	4,265,747	1,406,469	138,988	..	219,542	7,883,247
Totals .. .. .	21,525,850	15,218,139	17,777,547	2,099,434	4,550,518	5,218,774	66,390,262

\* Includes Chatham Islands.